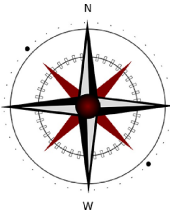


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A MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

This month there will be no graphic metaphors about multi-engine airplanes on takeoff roll except to say that, as a council, we are safely airborne and looking good. This thanks to the strong contingent of volunteers who represented our council for the St. Paulapalooza Parish Festival. Our council can stand proud as one of the vibrant organizations in the parish.

We can also stand proud among K of C councils. As we work toward the Star Council distinction, our emphasis will move toward recruiting. We've all heard the adage that every member in the council is, in effect, a recruiting director. The fact is that most of us know men in the parish who would probably be flattered by an invitation to join us. Father McGivney's vision was that every Catholic man should be offered the opportunity to be a Knight. Between the ramp reconstruction, bingo at Cottonwood Creek, the White Rose Golf Classic, a parish bingo night, leading the parish in the praying of the Holy Rosary, and the festival set-up, I have been blessed to witness Knights come together in meaningful service for the Kingdom of God. We should feel proud for the work we've done and proud to open Father McGivney's vision to the men of our parish.

Vivat Jesus,

– Bill Eldridge

FAMILY OF THE MONTH

For the last twenty years, our council has had a role model that is still teaching us how to comport ourselves as Catholic gentlemen. **Tom McNamara**, who turned 91 last month, projects more than a warm smile, more than a strong handshake; he projects a positivity-in-life that is truly Catholic and truly inspiring. Tom is a regular at our Cottonwood

Bingo events and the celebration of the Rosary after the 8:00 AM Sunday Masses.

Tom's son-in-law, Brother **Alan Humason**, stepped forward to be a major help in the reconstruction of our storage facility ramp. From the time the word went out, Alan was a player in the process. He was also one of the guys who showed up early on Saturday and stayed late on Sunday for the Festival set-up and take-down. Alan's dedication to his father-in-law stands out as a work-of-the-heart.

If we're lucky, we can have a third generation of the men in this family when Alan's son and Tom's grandson Aidan turns eighteen. Aidan is currently a senior at Bishop Lynch and plays on the offensive line for the football team..

We congratulate this family for its long association with our council by recognizing them as our **Family of the Month** for October.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

It's high time that our council recognize a man who brings something into the world that's difficult to find words to describe. It has a lot to do with an intelligent sense of humor that makes everyone present relax and throw their heads back in laughter. This man could make Vladimir Putin fall off his horse laughing. It also has a lot to do with a heart as big as Texas. Bill's long commitment to the ACTS community has helped cement the parish into the strong faith community that we've come to appreciate.

Last weekend, Bill came early and stayed late with his golf cart to accommodate the many requests to drive these tables over here and those ice chests over there. And there sat Bill, with his big smile and his servant's heart, spreading his good cheer to everyone he encountered.

So, **Bill Krueger**, accept this **Knight of the Month** Award with the sincerity that you yourself project. We love you, man, and we appreciate everything you do for us.

And from the tee box of the first hole at Firewheel, we all cup our hands around our mouths and shout, "Nice shot, Bill!!"

NOVEMBER 4TH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our November 4th Membership Meeting will take place at the Parish Center, Room 3. It will commence with the recitation of the Scriptural Rosary at 7:00 PM followed by the meeting. Lecturer Ed Long will be supplying both the food and the educational fare with a talk about a saint who came from a small city in upstate New York.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

In an effort to build fellowship, our Communications Committee will continue making its way through the calling tree that Brother Joe Prampin has so diligently put together. I urge everyone to respond to these calls which are a sincere effort to bond our council through regular phone contacts. We want you to know that we're thinking of you; if we can help in any way, please let us know.

VETERANS' DAY

Brother Prampin is also hard at work planning for the Veterans' Day Parade that will start rolling at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 11th. We will form up in the Parish Center parking lot at 8:30 AM. This year's program should be a memorable event for the children of St. Paul School. Middle School teacher Tracy Lopez, the event coordinator for the school, was interviewed by Guadalupe Radio concerning the parade which is the only Veterans' Day parade in the city of Richardson.



WORDS FROM OUR WORTHY LECTURER

Long time parish archivist and guide, Brother Ed Long, shared this miraculous account of a Marian apparition:

Feast of the Miraculous Medal

SK Edward J. Long In 1830 in the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity on the rue de Bac in Paris, France the Holy Virgin appeared to a novice sister we now call Saint, Catherine Labouré.

This young novice sister was awakened by an angel who appeared as a small child. Views differ as to whether this was her guardian angel or Saint Michael the Archangel. He said to her, "hurry the Holy Virgin is waiting for you in the chapel." There Catherine saw the chapel bathed in brilliant light and the Holy Virgin seated in a chair in the sanctuary, A chair that still stands in the sanctuary to this day.

In this Church approved apparition the Virgin Mary asked Sister Catherine to have a medal struck of a vision she showed her. Around this medal, which today we call the Miraculous Medal (it is less popularly known as the Medal of the Immaculate Conception), are the words, "O Mary Conceived Without Sin, Pray for Us Who Have Recourse to Thee." This was 24 years before the promulgation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception by Blessed Pope Pius IX (1846-1878).

On the reverse of this medal is portrayed the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary under the letter M with the cross entwined in

it representing the union of Mary with Her Glorious Son's Passion all surrounded by twelve stars that represent the twelve apostles and the twelve tribes of Israel.

Today in this chapel Saint Catherine's incorrupt body lies under the very altar where the Blessed Mother first appeared to her. Also interred in the chapel is the incorrupt body of Saint Louise de Marillac founder of the Daughters of Charity along with the heart of Saint Vincent de Paul the co-founder. His incorrupt body lies in state in the chapel of the Vincentian Fathers quite near the Daughters of Charity Motherhouse at 93 Rue de Sèvres 75007 Paris.

The date of the Miraculous Medal feast is November 27.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
Thursday, November 4 th	Membership meeting at the Parish Center, Room 3 (7:00 PM Rosary, 7:30 Meeting - Door Code 18820#)
Sunday, November 7 th	Knights responsible for Coffee and Donuts after 9:30 Mass
Thursday, November 11 th	Veterans Day Parade 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM at St. Paul School
Thursday, November 18 th	Officer/Planning Meeting, 7:00 PM at the Parish Center, Room 3
Thursday, December 2 nd	Membership Meeting Parish Center Room 3 (7:00 PM Rosary, 7:30 Meeting - Door Code 18820#)



November 2	Stephen Munson
November 4	Bob Fisher
November 8	Charlie Kasbarian
November 14	Richard Hose
November 21	Mitch Boston
November 24	Richard Christiansen
November 29	Eric Ardoin

REGULAR FUNDRAISING

Our regular fundraising endeavors:

Donating Blood:

We are number 22058 with Carter Blood Care

Tom Thumb:

Good Neighbor Program No. 54476

Albertsons:

Community Partner No. 49000119848

Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program:

Bar Code No. 10000081304

Compass Bank:

When opening an account refer to our Affinity code 87719

Forms for all of the above are available at each meeting from our Financial Secretary.

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